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## AMENDMENT

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For: ANTERIOR EXPANDABLE SPINAL FUSION CAGE SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed August 1, 2001, kindly amend the above captioned application for patent as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

The following are amended claims in clean form:

1 (Amended). An implant apparatus for positioning between adjacent vertebrae and comprising:

a) an anterior inserted fusion cage having a pair of legs interconnected at one end each by a posterior wall